

A Founding Director of the Los Alamos National Bank, he was one of the several leaders in that community who labored to bring banking to a town that was considered "temporary" and not deserving of its own bank. In 1963, LANB was chartered and has grown to be one of the leading financial institutions in New Mexico. At his death, George was still serving on the Board of Directors.

George's interests and contributions are too numerous to detail in these brief comments, but I will mention his passion to understand the keys to the early development of children. He believed there were great benefits society could reap by giving more attention to successful models of early childhood education.

George's life and work were invaluable to our Nation and to my home State of New Mexico. I was proud to count him as a friend, and prouder still that he considered me one. I join the many others who will miss him.●

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS FROM YARDLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today, I would like to acknowledge the great work of volunteers in Yardley, PA, especially the students at Pennsbury High School who have been selected as the 2012 Make a Difference Day winners. Make a Difference Day is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors, and this annual day of service mobilizes more than 3 million volunteers to effect change in their communities.

This group of outstanding volunteers from Yardley, PA is led by Neha Gupta. Neha founded Empower Orphans, a non-profit organization that has leveraged \$325,000 in donations and grants to clothe and feed Indian children, create a sewing center and set up libraries at four schools. Near to her home in Bucks County, PA, Neha, now 15, identified children in need. In the months leading up to Make a Difference Day, Neha and a group of volunteers gathered 3,000 books and bought colorful furnishings for the neighboring Feltonville Intermediate School library. On Make a Difference Day, the team cleaned up, decorated and stocked the shelves of the library. Since October's project, Neha has also started an Empower Orphans club at her high school and plans to hold a Make a Difference Day Project every year.

I wish to congratulate Neha and her team and thank them for their service.●

TRIBUTE TO RICK MOSSMAN

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor the public service of Rick Lee Mossman, who is retiring from the National Park Service after 35 years of dedicated service to protecting our nation's treasures and the people who visit them.

Rick was born on April 30, 1955, to Dick and Carolyn Mossman in Topeka, KS. By the time he was 7 years old, Rick knew he wanted to become a park ranger. His life's work began in May of 1975, when he started his first job with the National Park Service as a seasonal GS-3 general ranger at Buffalo National River in Arkansas. In a career spanning more than 3 decades, Rick Mossman served at nine National Park Service units from Washington, DC to Alaska. During this time, he was an interpreter, front country and back-country patrol ranger, a district ranger, and finally a Chief Ranger at his current location of Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota.

For the last 12 years, he has served on an All-Risk Incident Management Team tasked with responding to disasters such as Hurricanes Isabel and Rita or to managing the search effort for lost hikers. He has been the team's incident commander since September of 2009.

Rick earned a degree in Wildlife Biology at Kansas State University. He and his wife Julie of 21 years have two sons, Thomas 18 and Jackson 16.

Rick has passionately protected many of the special places that help define the United States of America. He has done this with a strong sense of dedication to duty and commitment to excellence. His work on the Intermountain Incident Management Team speaks to this. When a disaster befalls a National Park Service unit in the Intermountain Region or elsewhere in the Nation, the first call from the Regional Office is to Rick and his team to respond and help park service employees in peril. It is this dedication to helping others at a moment's notice that defines Rick's work ethic.

The focus of Rick's life work has been the protection of public lands and the resources contained therein. He has accomplished this duty with an intense love for the places he worked. It is because of the service of people like Rick Mossman that visitors, past and present and future, enjoy the scenic beauty and heritage that make up the National Park Service.

I am proud to recognize and honor Rick's service to the National Park Service and am delighted to join with his family and friends in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish Rick and Julie all the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was ordered read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2338. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and ordered placed on the calendar.

S. 2343. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced in-

terest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2344. A bill to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 31, 2012.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5788. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Federal Airways; Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0110)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5789. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Multiple Domestic, Alaskan, and Hawaiian Compulsory Reporting Points" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0129)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5790. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Area Navigation Route T-288; WY" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1193)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5791. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Colorado Springs, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1191)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5792. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Jacksonville, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0556)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5793. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Springfield, TN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0591)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5794. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Bellefonte, PA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1337)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5795. A communication from the Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, proposed legislation to